

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claim 11 without prejudice and amended Claims 9 and 12. New Claim 20 has been added by this amendment. The claim amendments were made to more precisely define the invention in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 2. These amendments have not been necessitated by the need to distinguish the present invention from any prior art. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefor is found throughout the specification and drawings.

In the Office Action, Claims 10 and 11 were indicated as allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claim 11. Further, Claim 20 has been added to this application and includes the limitations of original Claims 9 and 10. Accordingly, Claims 1-20 are now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or overpayments due as a result of filing the present paper may be applied to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now remaining in this application, namely Claims 1-20, are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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